

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ATHENS 06670 01 OF 02 031713Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 IO-14 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 ICAE-00  
CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00  
PA-02 SP-02 SS-15 ACDA-12 MCE-00 EB-08 COME-00  
OMB-01 TRSE-00 HA-05 /092 W  
-----077946 031726Z /53

O 031443Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7074  
INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA  
AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY NICOSIA  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK  
USMISSION USNATO  
AMCONSUL ISTANBUL  
USNMR SHAPE  
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER  
USDOCOSOUTH

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 ATHENS 6670

BRUSSELS FOR USEEC  
E.O. 11652 N/A  
TAGS PEPR, GR, CY, TU, US  
SUBJECT: FOREIGN RELATIONS: FURTHER REACTIONS TO HOUSE EMBARGO VOTE

REF: A) ATHENS 6631 (DTG 030840Z AUG 78)  
B) NICOSIA 1950 (DTG 021415Z AUG 78)

1. ALL ELEMENTS OF GREEK POLITICAL LIFE FOLLOWED THE LEAD  
OF THE GOVERNMENT AND CRITICIZED THE HOUSE VOTE TO LIFT THE  
EMBARGO. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT (REF A),  
LIKE THAT OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU (REF B), STRESSED AMERICA'S  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ATHENS 06670 01 OF 02 031713Z

RESPONSIBILITY AS "A VERY HEAVY ONE" WHILE NOTING THAT  
THE SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS DEPENDED MAINLY  
ON TURKEY. THE STATEMENT CALLED ATTENTION TO THE  
ADMINISTRATION'S "ONE MORE CHANCE" TO LIMIT TURKISH  
INTRANSIGENCE WHEN THE SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
MEETS. MEANWHILE, THE STATEMENT FORMALLY EXPRESSED  
THE GREEK GOVERNMENT'S REGRET AT THE HOUSE'S DECISION

TO LIFT THE EMBARGO.

2. THE OPPOSITION RAPIDLY FOLLOWED SUIT. PASOK PRESIDENT ANDREAS PAPANDREOU, ESSENTIALLY REPEATING HIS EARLIER STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE SENATE VOTE, SAID THAT THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT "GREECE BELONGS TO THE WEST" (A KARAMANLIS BYWORD) CAN ONLY HOPE NOW THAT THE U.S. WILL USE ITS INFLUENCE TO REDUCE TURKEY'S DEMANDS IN CYPRUS AND THE AEREAN. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, EXPERIENCE DID NOT PERMIT SUCH ILLUSIONS AND HE AGAIN CALLED FOR GREECE TO ADOPT A NEW FOREIGN AND DEFENSE POLICY. UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER (UDC) LEADER ZIGHDIS IN A SHARP AND BITTER STATEMENT ATTACHED THE "GLARING HYPOCRISY" IN THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY SINCE IT IGNORED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ON CYPRUS. IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE SOME POLITICAL CAPITAL FROM THE VOTE, ZIGHDIS RECALLED RECENT CALLS TO PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT THE SLIGHT HOUSE MAJORITY SHOWED "HOW EASILY THE RESULT COULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT IF THE KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT HAD ONLY ACTED IN TIME" TO BRIEF THE CONGRESSMEN ADEQUATELY. FORMER UDC PRESIDENT MAVROS REFERRED TO THE RESULT AS A CRIME AND CALLED FOR A UNITED FRONT TO DEAL WITH THE CRISIS CREATED BY THE RESUMPTION OF U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. STATEMENTS BY OTHER PARTIES AND LEADING POLITICIANS WERE EQUALLY CRITICAL.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 ATHENS 06670 01 OF 02 031713Z

3. ALL NEWSPAPERS HIGHLIGHTED THE STORY, AND THERE WERE A NUMBER OF EDITORIAL COMMENTS. LIBERAL OPPOSITION TO VIMA PROMINENTLY PLAYED BOTH THE GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT, "THE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES ONCE AGAIN ITS REGRET OVER THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO AND FEARS THAT ANKARA'S INTRANSIGENCE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED", AND THE PAPANDREOU VIEW, "TURKISH AGGRESSIVENESS PUSHED FORWARD." TO VIMA AND OTHER PRINTED THAT PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT (WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED BY ICA), WHILE PRO-GOVERNMENT AKROPOLIS PRINTED EXCERPTS OF THE STATEMENT WITH A WASHINGTON DATELINE AND ATTEMPTED TO SHOW THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD NOW ADMITTED THE POSSIBILITY OF WARLIKE ACTIVITIES IN THE AEREAN.

4. PRO-GOVERNMENT KATHIMERINI SOUNDED A THEME NOTED IN THE STATEMENTS OF BOTH THE GREEK AND CYPRIOT GOVERNMENTS, THE "VERY HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE SHOULDERS OF PRESIDENT CARTER," AND STRESSED THAT BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF POLITICAL LIFE HERE HAD UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR NATIONAL UNITY. KATHIMERINI'S FACTUAL COVERAGE NOTED THE ESSENTIAL SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE WRIGHT AND BYRD AMENDMENTS, INFORMED ITS READERS THAT A SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MUST

NOW MEET ON THE MATTER AND GAVE SOME TIMING PARAMETERS,  
BASED ON THE UPCOMING CONGRESSIONAL RECESS AND OTHER  
FACTORS.

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ATHENS 06670 02 OF 02 031717Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 IO-14 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 ICAE-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00

PA-02 SP-02 SS-15 ACDA-12 MCE-00 EB-08 COME-00

OMB-01 TRSE-00 HA-05 /092 W

-----078014 031725Z /53

O 031443Z AUG 78

FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7075

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

USMISSION USNATO

AMCONSUL ISTANBUL

USNMR SHAPE

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

USDOCOSOUTH

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 ATHENS 6670

5. EDITOTIAL COMMENT RANGED FROM BITTER SARCASM TO A  
"WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?" APPROACH. LEFTIST  
ELEFTHEROTYPIA'S "A DWARF PRESIDENT" WAS A DEROGATORY  
ASSESSMENT OF THE POLITICAL STATURE OF PRESIDENT CARTER,  
WHILE A COMPANION EDITORIAL, "TO THE HONORABLE ONES,"  
SALUTED THE 205 HOUSE MEMBERS WHO VOTED AGAINST LIFTING  
THE EMBARGO. ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE ESTIA, IN A REFLECTIVE  
EDITORIAL, "WHAT MUST BE DONE," SEIZED UPON THE  
60-DAY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS COMMON TO BOTH THE  
BYRD AND WRIGHT AMENDMENTS AND URGED THE GREEK GOVERN-  
MENT TO MAKE SURE THAT EACH SUCH REPORT ACCURATELY  
REFLECTS THE RALITY OF THE SITUATION IN THE EASTERN  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ATHENS 06670 02 OF 02 031717Z

MEDITERRANEAN.

6. PRO-GOVERNMENT KATHIMERINI'S EDITORIAL, "THE SOLE COMPASS," QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM A STATEMENT BY MAJORITY WHIP BRADEMAS WHO RECALLED THAT THE SAME ARGUMENT ABOUT "NATO INTERESTS" HAD BEEN USED TO SUPPORT MILITARY AID TO THE JUNTA. KATHIMERINI WENT ON TO SAY, "WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT A LOT, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, BUT FROM THE PAINFUL EXPERIENCES OF THE PAST DECADE. THE STRONG IN THIS WORLD HAVE TAUGHT US HOW THEY UNDERSTAND AND APPLY THEIR ALLIANCES, THEIR 'IDEOLOGIES' AND THEIR DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES." THEREFORE, HELLENISM MUST DISCORD ITS ROMANTICISM AND EXPLORE THE SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES IT HAS BEFORE IT. " WE ARE NOT THREATENING ANYONE," THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED, "BUT WE WILL NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO VIOLATE OUR RIGHTS AND VITAL INTERESTS."  
MILLS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** FOREIGN RELATIONS, VOTING, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, ARMS EMBARGO  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 03 aug 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978ATHENS06670  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780318-0590  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** ATHENS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t197808100/aaaadfql.tel  
**Line Count:** 191  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** adbd8457-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 4  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 ATHENS 6631  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 01 jul 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1540622  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** FOREIGN RELATIONS: FURTHER REACTIONS TO HOUSE EMBARGO VOTE  
**TAGS:** PEPR, GR, CY, TU, US  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/adbd8457-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014